

Amendment No. 2 to HB3918

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**AMEND Senate Bill No. 3844\***

**House Bill No. 3918**

by deleting all language after the enacting clause and by substituting instead the following:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 16-18-302, is amended by deleting subsection (a) and substituting instead the following:

(a) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary:

(1) A municipal court possesses jurisdiction in and over cases:

(A) For violation of the laws and ordinances of the municipality; or

(B) Arising under the laws and ordinances of the municipality; and

(2) A municipal court also possesses jurisdiction to enforce any municipal law or ordinance that mirrors, substantially duplicates or incorporates by cross-reference the language of a state criminal statute, if and only if the state criminal statute duplicated or cross-referenced is a Class C misdemeanor.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 16-18-310, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated subsection:

(c) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, every municipal court clerk is authorized to use the municipality's normal competitive bidding procedures, subject to the approval of the municipal judge, to select and retain a collection agent or similar collection service to collect such fines, costs, and fees owed to the municipal court that have not been collected within sixty (60) days after the entry of judgment; and such municipal court clerk is authorized to assess and collect, in addition to fines, costs, and fees owed, an additional amount not exceeding forty percent (40%) of all amounts due as consideration for employment of a collection agent or service or cost associated with in-house expenses to collect unpaid fines, costs, and fees.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-10-307, is amended by deleting the section in its entirety.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon becoming law, the public welfare requiring it.